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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to comment on this agency's longstanding discriminatory policy toward Americans who suffer from paruresis. It is decidedly unfair to require those with a legitimate medical disability (DSM IV 300.23/29) to urinate on demand. Equating an inability to provide a urine sample with a "refusal to test" is a detriment to law-abiding citizens and to the government of the United States itself. Why does one have to be without kidneys in order to receive an alternative, less invasive form of drug testing?

This agency's move toward the use of saliva/hair/blood/sweat tests is a good start, but still misses the reality of the issue. Requiring these tests IN ADDITION to urine samples does nothing for paruretics. Only until an individual can receive alternative drug testing upon his/her request will this institutional discrimination be ended. Please revise your guidelines to discontinue this mistreatment of over a million US citizens.

Thank you,
Daniel B.